# **Largest Employers in Douglas County** These employers provide more than I in every 3 jobs in the county

#### **Employer Name**

School District of Superior University of Wisconsin-Superior City of Superior Burlington Northern/Santa Fe Halvor Lines Inc Vanguard Services Inc County of Douglas Advanced Data Comm Inc School District of Maple Ascend Healthcare (St. Francis Health) Wal-Mart Associates Inc. Murphy Oil USA Inc St Mary's Hospital of Superior Indianhead Community Action Agency Middle River Health Care Center Inc The Duluth Clinic Ltd Miners Inc (Super One Foods) Amsoil Inc Manion's Wholesale Building Supplies Menard, Inc. WI Department of Transportation Superior-Douglas Co Family YMCA Villa Marina Health & Rehabilitation Wis. Indianhead Technical College General Mills Operations Inc Target Corporation Northway Carriers Inc Beverly Hlth & Rehab. (Fieldview Care) Nursing Care Facilities Enbridge Employee Services Inc WI Department of Natural Resources Superior Water Light School District of Solon Springs

Midwest Energy Resources Co

US Superior Marketing Inc

Compass Group HE Services LLC

#### **Product or Service**

Elementary & Secondary Schools Colleges, Universities, & Prfsnl Schools Executive & Legis, Offices, Combined Line-haul railroads Gen.Frght.Trckg, Lng-Distance, Trckld Gen.Frght.Trckg, Lng-Distance, Trckld Executive & Legis. Offices, Combined Telemarketing Bureaus Elementary & Secondary Schools Nursing Care Facilities Discount Department Stores Petroleum Refineries General Medical & Surgical Hospitals Home Health Care Services Nursing Care Facilities Off. of Physicians (except Mental Hlth) Sprmrkts/Othr Groc.(not conv.) Stores Petroleum/Petro.Prod.Whlsrs (not bulk) Roofing/Siding/Insul. Mat. Merch. Whlsrs Home Centers Regulation/Admin. of Transpo.Programs Civic & Social Organizations Nursing Care Facilities Junior Colleges All Other Miscellaneous Food Mfg Discount Department Stores Gen. Frght Trckg, Lng-Dist, not a Trckld Pipeline Transportation of Crude Oil Admin. of Conservation Programs Water Supply & Irrigation Systems Elementary & Secondary Schools Port & Harbor Operations **Food Service Contractors** 

Telemarketing Bureaus

Source: WI DWD, Unemployment Compensation file, June 2003

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#### **lob Centers in Northwest Wisconsin**

WI Job Center-Ashland 411 Ellis Av Ashland WI 54806 715-682-7220

Burnett Co lob Center 7410 Co. Rd. K #280 Siren WI 54872 715-349-2150

WI lob Center-Hayward 15618 Windrose Lane Hayward WI 54843 715-634-7545

WI lob Center-Ladysmith 108 W Second St. North Ladysmith WI 54848 715-532-2700

WI Job Center-Medford 624 E College Av Medford WI 54451 715-748-5621

WI lob Center-Phillips 1408 Pine Ridge Rd. Phillips WI 54555 715-339-7255 Park Falls Partner Off. 400 S 4th Av Park Falls WI 54552 715-762-2477

WI Job Center-Spooner 522 Service Rd Hwy 70 E Spooner WI 54801 715-635-2175

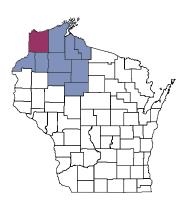
WI lob Center-Superior 1805 North 14th St. Superior WI 54880 715-392-7800

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# **DOUGLAS COUNTY**

# LABOR MARKET

# **TRENDS**

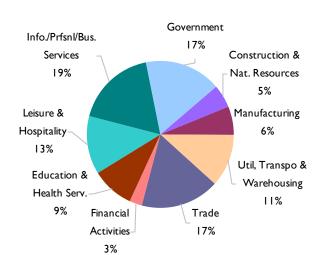


#### **Douglas County...**

is one of ten counties in the Northwest Wisconsin Workforce Development Area. The county is part of the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) and, every day thousands of workers travel across the river to work in Duluth. Roughly two-thirds of the workers, however, work for employers in Douglas County, many of them included among the county's largest.

Roughly II percent of the jobs in the county, one of the largest shares in the state,

# **Employment by Industry** in Douglas County: 2003



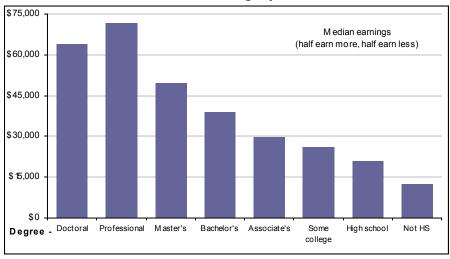
are in the transportation sector and several of the area's largest employers are from transportation. Local and state education are also among the largest employers and help to make government the second largest industry sector. Annual average wages for workers in transportation group in 2002 were \$43,483 while government workers averaged \$33,455. The annual average wage from all employers was \$27,031, roughly 83 percent of the average for workers in the state of \$32,422.

### **Occupations in demand in Northwest Wisconsin**

	•	Education & Training	Average
	Top Ten Occupations	Typically Required*	Wage**
Fastest Growth	Computer Scientists, NEC	Bachelor's degree	\$ 15.26
	Urban & Regional Planners	Master's degree	\$ 23.09
	Legal Assistants, NEC	Associate degree	\$ 13.99
	Life Sciences Teachers	Doctor's degree	\$ 46,900
	Merchandise Displayers	I-12 mo. on-the-job trng.	NA
	Sales Reps/Salespersons	Bachelor's degree	\$ 19.03
	Loan Interviewers	I-month or less training	\$ 11.49
	Reservation & Ticket Agts	I-month or less training	\$ 9.74
	Baggage Porters/Bellhops	I-month or less training	NA
	Funeral Attendants	I-month or less training	\$ 9.71
Most Openings	Cashiers	I-month or less training	\$ 7.54
	Waiters & Waitresses	I-month or less training	\$ 6.59
	Food Prep/Fast Food Wrkr	I-month or less training	\$ 7.21
	Retail Salespersons	I-month or less training	\$ 9.25
	Office Clerks, General	I-month or less training	\$ 9.72
	Food Prep. Workers	I-month or less training	\$ 7.74
	General Mgrs/Top Execs	Work exp. plus degree	\$ 32.04
	Teachers, Secondary Ed	Bachelor's degree	\$ 39,940
	Truck Drivers, Heavy	Vocational training	\$ 15.21
	Nursing Aides/Orderlies	I-month or less trng.	\$ 9.38

<sup>\*</sup> The most common way to enter the occupation, not the only way

### National Median Annual Earnings by Education: 2001



#### Source: US Census Bureau, Current Population Surveys, March 2001

### Wages for 40 Occupations with the most workers

in the labor market area including Ashland, Bayfield, Douglas, Iron, Sawyer, Vilas, and Washburn counties. These counties are grouped because I) they share similar employment and wages AND 2) together met the minimum standard of 40,000 jobs needed to publish wage information. Hourly wage data was collected from local employers in 2002. Half of all jobs in this area are in the occupations on this list!

	Lowest 10%	Average	I
Occupation (ranked by employment)	Wage*	hour	Middle range* *
Cashiers	\$5.73	\$7.80	\$6.21 - \$8.48
Nursing Aides, Orderlies, & Attendants	\$7.67	\$9.35	\$8.20 - \$10.47
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	\$9.81	\$14.84	\$11.04 - \$19.08
Retail Salespersons	\$5.82	\$8.40	\$6.41 - \$9.35
Carpenters	\$6.14	\$14.17	\$7.10 - \$17.60
Janitors & Cleaners, Except Maids & Hskpg. Cleaners	\$6.20	\$9.31	\$7.22 - \$11.15
Combined Food Prep./Serving Workers, incl. Fast Fo		\$7.18	\$6.15 - \$8.02
Waiters & Waitresses	\$5.66	\$7.13	\$6.05 - \$7.88
Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, & Executive	\$6.79	\$10.14	\$7.76 - \$12.46
Office Clerks, General	\$7.09	\$10.17	\$8.13 - \$12.16
Bartenders	\$6.14	\$7.72	\$7.00 - \$8.36
Bookkeeping, Accounting, & Auditing Clerks	\$7.60	\$11.75	\$9.31 - \$13.84
General & Operations Managers	\$12.91	\$30.13	\$17.68 - \$38.60
Registered Nurses	\$15.46	\$20.47	\$17.29 - \$22.41
Cooks, Short Order	\$5.50	\$6.81	\$5.81 - \$6.83
Maids & hskpg. Cleaners	\$5.95	\$7.92	\$6.73 - \$8.91
Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	\$7.60	\$12.19	\$9.06 - \$14.81
Teacher Assistants		\$20,532	(Annual average wage)
Laborers & Freight, Stock, & Material Movers, Hand	\$6.94	\$11.62	\$8.18 - \$14.00
Middle School Teachers, Except Special & Vocational	Ed.	\$42,741	(Annual average wage)
Sales Reps., Whsl. & Mfg, Except Tech./Scientific Production	d. \$11.25	\$19.16	\$12.54 - \$22.23
Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	\$9.36	\$15.17	\$11.30 - \$19.12
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Educatio	n	\$43,360	(Annual average wage)
Executive Secretaries & Administrative Assistants	\$9.49	\$13.98	\$11.57 - \$15.78
1st-Line Supervisors/Mngr. of Retail Sales Workers	\$7.84	\$14.06	\$9.35 - \$16.95
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	\$6.23	\$9.06	\$7.05 - \$10.65
Landscaping & Groundskeeping Workers	\$6.46	\$9.92	\$7.64 - \$11.64
Receptionists & Information Clerks	\$7.18	\$9.39	\$8.41 - \$10.43
Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	\$9.34	\$12.95	\$10.57 - \$14.97
Personal & Home Care Aides	\$7.36	\$8.77	\$7.88 - \$9.74
Cooks, Restaurant	\$7.37	\$9.22	\$8.00 - \$10.17
Dishwashers	\$5.73	\$6.91	\$6.13 - \$7.64
Ist-Line Supervisors/MngrOffice/Admin. Supp. Wor	ker: \$11.12	\$17.99	\$13.23 - \$20.93
Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services	\$6.53	\$11.15	\$8.10 - \$13.11
Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$11.60	\$14.11	\$12.45 - \$15.71
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special & Voc. Ed	i.	\$40,994	(Annual average wage)
Cooks, Institution & Cafeteria	\$6.48	\$9.24	\$7.64 - \$10.79
Food Prep. Workers	\$5.91	\$7.77	\$6.57 - \$8.71
Ist-Line Supervisors/MngrProd./Operating Workers		\$18.25	\$13.99 - \$22.01
Packers & Packagers, Hand	\$5.73	\$7.42	\$6.18 - \$8.48
* only 10% of wages are lower **middle 50% of wages (25% are	lower and 25% are	highor)	

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